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TAGS: SOPN, PO, U.S., MARR, GW
SUBJ: MEDIA REACTION - REPORTED U.S. INTEREST IN BEJA BASE

REF: LISBON 3360-C (NOTAL)

1. PRESS HAS PICKED UP AND EXPANDED ON "EXPRESSO" ITEM REFTEL
ON REPORTED U.S. INTEREST IN USE OF BEJA BASE.

2. CENTER-RIGHT WEEKLY NEWSPAPER "O PAIS" DATED MAY 27 DID
A DOUBLE-PAGE FEATURE SPREAD ON THE BEJA BASE. PAPER NOTED
THAT " AN INDEPENDENT WEEKLY" (EXPRESSO) SAID THAT "ACCROD-
ING TO INFORMATION FROM 'CIRCLES CLOSE TO THE MILITARY' THE
UNITED STATES PLANNED TO INSTALL AT BEJA AN OPERATIONAL UNIT
UNDER COMIBERLANT COMMAND." PAPER SAID IT SOUGHT CONFIRMA-
TION FROM GOP JOINT CHIEFS, FROM U.S. EMBASSY AND
COMIBERLANT AND RECEIVED REPLIES STATING "WE HAVE NO
KNOWLEDGE OF THIS." BUT THE GOP AIR FORCE CHIEF OF
STAFF TOLD "O PAIS" THAT, "THERE IS THE POSSI-
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BILITY OF CERTAIN ALLIED COUNTRIES BEING INTERESTED IN
USING THE BEJA BASE. THE MATTER IS IN AN EXPLORATORY
PHASE AND IS BEYOND THE COMPETENCE OF THE AIR FORCE.
IF ANY AGREEMENT IS WORKED OUT, THIS WILL HAVE TO
BE NEGOTIATED BETWEEN THE INTERESTED GOVERNMENTS."

3. TWO MAY 27 LISBON DAILIES SPECULATED ON STATEMENT

MADE IN AN INTERVIEW BY COMMANDER IBERLANT, ADMIRAL
FRANK CORLEY, IN BIWEEKLY ENGLISH-LANGUAGE "LISBON
POST." ASKED ABOUT "EXPRESSO" REPORT ON IBERLANT-
RELATED POTENTIAL USE OF BEJA BASE, ADMIRAL SAID
HE HAD READ ARTICLE AND WAS SURPRISED BY IT AND THAT
THE HYPOTHETICAL USE OF THE BASE DESCRIBED SOUNDED
MORE LIKE A PROGRAM FOR UNITED STATES FORCES THAN FOR
IBERLANT AND NATO. PRO-GOVERNMENT "DIARIO DE NOTICIAS:
PLAYED ITS STORY STRAIGHT, WHILE PRO-COMMUNIST "O
DIARIO" USED HEADLINE, "U.S. FIEFDOM AT BEJA BASE?"
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